



## Leeza Figaroa is Reina Infantil 2007!!

As the events of Carnival 53 progress, the election and installation of the Reina Infantil, (Children's Carnival Queen) took place at the Entertainment Center in Dakota on Friday evening. At the end of an evening of fabulous pageantry, lovely seven-year-old Leeza Figaroa of Wizz Kids was announced the winner, as she dominated the competition, taking home the awards in a number of sub-categories, also.

An entertaining show based on Sesame Street characters had Big Bird and Oscar the Grouch providing the backdrop for the introduction of the four adorable candidates. Emee Arends of the Champagne Group was named First Runner Up and Most Popular Candidate, also winning for Best Speech. Additionally gracing the stage with their animated presence was Shamilka Mathilda sponsored by Mundo Infantil and Tanisha Dania, of the Sunrise Group, resplendent in sparkling butterflies.

However, Leeza Figaroa, the candidate of Claudius Phillip's group swept most of the award categories, taking home plaques for Best Costume, Best Performance, and was named the SMS winner, where the public were allowed to register their vote via text message. The last category won Leeza a brand new cell phone compliments of SETAR, Aruba's national telecommunications company.

The young Prince and Pancho, who will be her courtiers and escorts for the balance of the Carnival events and parades, introduced the new Reina Infantil to her adoring public. Tecla Kelly, President of the Stichting Arubaase Carnival (SAC) performed the ritual removal of the crown from Naomi, last year's Reina Infantil, also from the Wizz Kids group, to transfer it to the new Queen. Claudius Phillips revealed that this is the fourth year in a row the group has won the crown, setting a new Carnival record.

Congratulations to Leeza, Reina Infantil 2007, may her reign be a memorable one!